



# Washington State Department of Early Learning

## This Week in Olympia (TWIO)

### **What is TWIO?**

*This Week in Olympia (TWIO) is a weekly brief summary on the key hearings and introduced bills that the Department of Early Learning (DEL) has monitored. The weekly summary is not an indication of bills or positions supported by DEL. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all bills and hearings related to issues impacting early learning.*

### **Where Can I Access TWIO?**

TWIO is available on the DEL Web site at:

<http://www.del.wa.gov/government/legislature/week.aspx>

### **Example TWIO layout:**

#### **Bills**

Governor Gregoire signed **Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5460** on February 18. The bill directs DEL and other state agencies to continue the spending and hiring cutbacks that were implemented by the Governor in August 2008. The bill took effect immediately upon signing. Find more information about ESSB 5460 [here](#).

#### **Hearings**

The House Early Learning and Children's Services Committee held a work session entitled *Budget briefing on child welfare and early learning*. Presenters on the early learning panel included Kate Verville, Chief Operating Officer, DEL; Adam Aaseby, Budget Assistant, Office of Financial Management; and Leslie Goldstein, Executive Policy Advisor for Early Learning, Governor's Office. Verville gave a presentation on the 2009 DEL supplemental budget reductions and Aaseby gave an overview of the Governor's 2009-11 proposed budget for DEL. The TVW archive of this hearing should be available at:

<http://www.tvw.org/search/siteSearch.cfm?EvtType=C&keywords=House%20Early%20Learning&date=2009&bhcp=1>